August 1, 1952 Pasadena, California

SNIPERS TAKE AFTER FLYING SAUCERS

Flying saucers are bad enough, but combine em with a phantom sniper's bullet, and you've got something. Jordan M. Reifel and his wife were entertaining neighbors last night in their back yard when suddenly they heard what sound like "a 22 caliber rifle shot and the whine of a bullet. A few minutes later, the worried Reifels said, everybody in the patio observed a formation of white things zooming over-head in the sky. All of this would have been discounted by Pasadena police but there were several other reports which mentioned saucers and sniper bullets also.

August 2, 1952 Los Angeles Times

FLYING DISKS AGAIN IN LOS ANGELES AREA

Two flying saucers flew over Southern California yesterday and reports from witnesses flooded various media with accounts. The Lancaster Sheriff's substation said it received six calls describing the objects which hovered at about 1,000 ft. In Palmdale, C.A.A. operations specialists, Don Benson and Ray Hollings, observed two saucers for about 30 minutes and reported them to George AFB but no jet interceptors were sent aloft. Another report came for Jack Roff, game warden, who spotted similar objects over Lake Hughes. And in Burbank, a silver, oblong object was observed just meandering over the city at about 8:30 a.m. by Mrs. Dick Turpin.

August 2, 1952 San Bernadino Sun

TOM SWIFT MAY BE MAKING SAUCERS IN BID

TO AGAIN BE HERO OF AMERICAN BOYHOOD

Hal Boyle in his Notebook column relieves the flying saucer tension with a bit of levity. One question he asks of the Air Force seems to cover a lot of ground:"With all the men in the sky in the last world war, no flying saucers were reported before 1947. Were optical illusions and weather changes invented in 1947?"

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August 3, 1952 San Bernadino Sun

AIR FORCE SARGE BEGS TO DIFFER

Dan Lundberg on KTTV interviewed a 21-year-old ex Air Force sergeant who shot a picture of a flying saucer a year ago, which was just recently released. He was, too. He's an old hand at balloons and says that regardless what his superiors say this was not a balloon.

August 3, 1952 San Bernadino Sun

BALLOON TURNS OUT TO BE SAUCER

Carlsbad, N.M., (AP) -- T.L. Fox, Carlsbad contractor, saw an object gliding from the north about 6:30 in the morning. He thought it was a balloon and started for his car to go after it. Before he could get to the car the thing had grown to many times its size and had leveled off. It then maneuvered and shot toward Carlsbad Airport "with a burst of speed which has never been equalled by any jet I know of and no plane with wings attached could have made that sharp a turn."

August 2, 1952 Los Angeles Times

SAUCERS WAVE BOMBER ADIEU

Two flying saucers were sighted by a woman supervisor of the Indio Ground Observation post, Col. O.S. Dresher reported yesterday. He released a copy of a report made by Mrs. Pauline Watts, who made the same report to the USAF. She said she saw the saucers at 2:40 p.m. on July 14, near two B-36 bombers. "These two round disks were stationary in the sky, very metallic and shiny, much brighter than any plane I have seen. They looked to be about one-third the size of the bombers if seen at the same height. Finally they took off in a straight up direction as one bomber approached closer towards them and in seconds they were gone."

August 4, 1952

PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR POOH-POOHS THOSE FLYING SAUCERS

The flying saucers "just ain't there" said Dr. Jessie Sprowls, abnormal professor of abnormal psychology at the University of Maryland. Apologizing for his emphasis-aimed lapse in grammar, the professor attributed the nation-wide deluge of reports on strange objects in the upper atmosphere "primarily to hallucinations" In stating: "The American people are victims of mob psychology and not one in a thousand is capable of independent thought", Dr. Sprowls slavishly repeats the official Pentagonian party line.

August 4, 1952 Los Angeles Examiner

L.A. SAUCERS CAVORT IN SKY

Grant C. Hinton of Huntington Park told deputies at the Sherrif's station that he and his family and neighbors saw two distinct objects in the ksy Saturday. He said the disks seemed to change color, and remained on the horizon for 15 minutes.

Merl Clausen of Downey reported he saw an"arrow-like object" remain stationary over his home for half an hour and then head due east.

A student from the University of Southern California reported from Burbank that he had seen two flying saucers over Universal Studio in North Hollywood. He said they were large and blue colored, with lights that blinked off and on.

August 4, 1952 <u>The Times-Picaqune</u>

EGG-SHAPED DISC OVER NEW ORLEANS

A preacher's son, along with the administrative assistant of an evangelist, reported seeing an egg-shaped flying saucer streak across the New Orleans sky about 7:30 p.m. Monday. In a telephone report to the two young men described the object as a white light which materialized and then vanished as it hurtled in a southeasterly direction, all in the space of about 40 seconds. At first they thought it was a falling star but they added, "it couldn't have been because it followed a horizontal line of flight."

August 4, 1952 <u>Racine Journal</u>

SAUCERS OBSERVING 'POLICE ACTION'

Imaginary or real, those flying saucers have popped up in Korea and in Japan, and are keeping pilots of our Air Defense Command in constant alert across the U.S. Headquarters of the ADC at Ent AFB, Colo., said "there has been a flurry of reports on saucers for the past two weeks keeping our pilots busy." In Korea, Commanders of the Far East Naval forces and the 5th Air Force disclosed that a Canadian destroyer recently recorded two such objects on its radar. A Navy report said officers and men aboard the "Crusader" saw the saucer on the night of July 10. Radar placed the objects two miles high and seven miles away. A report issued a day or two later dismissed the radar find as the planet Jupiter.

August 4, 1952 Los Angeles Times

THEY ASKED FOR THEM!

Reports continued to roll into Air Force filter-centers at Pasadena and Santa Ana yesterday. Descriptions of the objects sighted were varying but the Air Force announced it will continue to study them. Two sky watchers at Laguna Beach reported seeing an airborne object moving past their post at about 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, but the Air Force stamped it as secret until yesterday. The disk-shaped thing sparkled brilliantly in the southwest sky, reversed its direction of travel and then disappeared, according to the sky watchers. Other reports came in from Pasadena, Huntington Park, Universal City, North Hollywood and Los Angeles.

August 4, 1952 The Times-Picaqune Tokyo, Japan

JAPAN, FORMOSA REPORT SAUCERS.

The newspaper Yomiuri said Monday it had received more than 150 letters from persons reporting they saw flying saucers over Japan Friday night. Japanese astronomers, however, unanimously agreed the objects were meteors. In Taipeh, Formosa, newspapers quoted a Chinese man and wife as saying they saw two shiny circles Saturday morning streak eastward across the city at 10 minute intervals. The couple described them as going faster than a jet but slower than a meteor.

August 5, 1952 San Antonio, Texas

SAUCER PEEKS AT LACKLAND AFB

Seven NCO's from the 3731st and 3732 Basic Military Training Squadrons, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, sighted an object they all believed to be a flying saucer and reported the sighting to S Sgt Jerrold E. Baker. A/2C Peter D'Angelo, first noticed the silver, saucer-shaped object high in the sky and called its attention to other NCOs present. Descriptions from all those witnessing the phenomenon confirmed "it was something I never saw before." Phone calls were made to the weather bureau at Kelly and Randolph AFB and neither had released any balloons previous to the sighting. This was the only object all agreed it could possibly have been before the calls were made.

the forms. The form has 25 questions concerning a description of the object, its surroundings and the time it was spotted. There is one loaded question: "Did you get any fragments?"

August 6, 1952 Albuquerque Journal

SPRINGER EDITOR NOW A BELIEVER IN SAUCERS

Springer newspaperman Ed Guthman and his wife spotted a flying saucer while driving to Los Vegas. He go such a good look at it that he's been converted from a sceptic to a believer in the things. Guthmann said it looked like it was about a mile away and if it was, it had to be around 100 feet in diameter. Just ahead of a seeming vane there was a dark spot in the body which could have been an observation port.

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FORT BRAGG BRIEFS HAMILTON ON LANDED SAUCER

First. Lt. William Clopton of the Air Force reported that in the summer of 1950 an article from a Fort Bragg newspaper was posted on the Hamilton Field bulletin board, revealing that the minister of a church had been permitted by Air Force Intelligence to view a saucer that had crashed with two small men on it, both dead. They were described as fair, with blue eyes, beardless with beautiful undecayed teeth and wore skin-tight blue uniforms made of heavy metallic thread with a borad waist belt. Their provisions consisted of very heavy water, large wafers which when analyzed contained vitamins and minerals similar to ours. Half the pilots viewed the report with scepticism, the other half believed it might possibly have happened.

August 4, 1952 Los Angeles Examiner

AIRMAN DENIES SAUCERS OURS

Major General Roger. H. Ramey said today the sauders could not be Soviet built because the Russians have no ability to produce an object that uses such a tremendous source of power that it can't be traced by radar. He further stated that the saucers definitely were not our own, the Air Force experts have dismissed 80 per cent of the 1500 saucer reports as "natural and considers the interplanetary origen explanàtion of the saucers as only a possibility.

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'SPACE SAUCER' WOULD HAVE LONG FLIGHT

Frank Carey, AP Science reporter, in a syndicated column says that roundtrip travel to the earth from Mars and Venus would involve nearly three years for the Martians, just over two years for the Venusians. Carey backs up this statement with computations dealing with spaceships which travel at a snail-like 25,000 mph. However, Carey does concede that Saucerians must have licked the interplanetary fuel consumption problem if they can afford to do all the nocturnal cruising around the earth that has been credited to them.

August 6, 1952 San Bernadino Sun

AIR FORCE STILL LOOKING FOR LOST PIECES OF THAT CAPTURED SAUCER

Next spotters of strange aerial craft will be asked to fill out an Air Force form which will eventually be processed by the 27th Air Division intelligence officer at Norton Air Base. The Air Force, however, refused to comment on what they will do with

August 6, 1952 Gainesville, Texas

EVEN MAYORS CAN SEE 'EM

A former Gainesville mayor who is a member of the Board of Education has joined the ranks of the "I-saw-a-flying-saucer-society." H.A. Latham accompanied by his brother and son spotted the thing in the sky Tuesday night while fishing in a lake about 10 miles south of here. "I'd been skeptical up to then of all these flying saucers," the former mayor said, "but all three of us saw the same object at the same time." He described the object as cylindrical in shape, moving in an arc, first slowly then rapidly to the west. Latham said he was sure it was not an airplane or a shooting star or a reflection.

August 6, 1952   Hollywood, California

RANCH MARKET OFFERS NEW COME-ON

PATRONS of Hollywood's famous Ranch Market were surprised today with a new attraction. A silvery object that looked like a B-29 without wings hovered over theVine Street store. The bluish-grey, cigar-shaped object, sporting four triangular-shaped appendages on one side, played hide and seek among the Hollywood clouds.

August 6, 1952   Hollywood, California

L.A. TIMES HUSH-HUSHES CALIFORNIA SIGHTING

Jeane Logan and her daughter, watching a Navy Blimp fly over their home, noticed a glittering something in the sky a long way up. It was bright red and as it turned and caught the sun, it changed to silver and then back to red. They called the police who gave them a Sycamore number in Pasedena. This number said many calls had come in, and that no weather balloons or any other kind known were in the neighborhood escept the Navy Blimp and they were considering it a flying saucer. The L.A. Times insisted the next day it was something the Air Force was experimenting with.

August 7, 1952   San Bernadino Sun-Telegram

BUCK ROGER'S 25TH CENTURY OUTDATED

The Sun-Telegram runs a daily comic strip called Twin Earths. It deals with a planet equal in size and composition of Earth, equal distance away from the sunk which revolves in the Earth's orbit but on the other side of the sun, thus never visible until

someone perfects a space ship capable of flying round the sun. Authors Oskar Lebeck and A. McWilliams keep up with the times by having flying disks the main method of transportation on the other earth, outdating Buck Rogers' rocketships.

August 8, 1952 The New York Times

ONE GOES OVER THE FALLS -- WAY OVER

Youngstown N.Y.(AP) - An unidentified object was seen last night racing through the sky near the mouth of the Niagara River and then hovering for some time over the Holland Canal which connects Lake Ontario and Lake Eirie. The object was described as being a brilliant mass of colored lights flashing on and off in various combinations.

August 8, 1952 The Tidings

RATIONAL BEINGS COULD EXIST ON OTHER PLANETS, SAYS THEOLOGIAN

Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, Dean of Sacred Theology at Catholic University wrote: "Neither revelation, the common teaching of the Fathers, tradition, nor the solemn pronouncements of the Popes rule out the possibility of life, perhaps similar to ours on another planet." He added that if they possessed the immortality once enjoyed by Adam and Eve "it would be foolish for our superjet or rocket pilots to attempt to shoot them. They would be unkillable."

August 10, 1952 The New York Times

FLYING SAUCERS EXPECTED AS METEOR DISPLAY BEGINS TONIGHT.

Robert B. Coles of Hayden Planetarium predicted here that flying saucers would be reported in great numbers this week if the weather was good. They will just be reports, Mr. Coles hastened

to add and will be based on sightings of the annual celestial display of Perseid meteors which begins tonight. The meteors will be visible in the night skies until next Wednesday night as a fiery shower of brilliant particles whichsseem to originate in the constellation Perseus. They will reach their peak between midnight Tuesday and dawn Wednesday. Mr. Coles suggested no explanation for saucer sightings occuring the other 11 months of the year.

August 11 and 12, 1952 Los Angeles Herald Express

FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY 'SOLVED' BY CALIFORNIA ENGINEERS

In a two-day front page spread, bylined by Lyle Abbot, rocket engineers Roland Gillespie and Winthrop K. Coxe explained flying saucers as the result of an electromagnetic vortex in the air.

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AUG 13, 1952 (SEE 76b)

August 14, 1952

FLYING SAUCERS AN OLD STORY

Hal Boyle, substituting for Bob Considine, devoted a column to Charles Fort and his impressive roundup of saucer sightings dating back 100 years ago, before the age of airplanes or sky-hook balloons. "Were observers subject then, as now to the same hallucinations?" asks Boyle. (Odds were laid that Considine will not invite Boyle back as his guest columnist next year.

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August 12, 1952 San Antonio Express

FLYING TURTLE AND WOMAN GO THRU RED LIGHTS

Everybody thinks turtles don't fly--so what was the thing Mrs. Flora Rogers saw paddlying through the air over her West Texas ranch? "It was shaped like a turtle," she said. But Mrs. Rogers figured the object was really some sort of radar machine taking pictures of the land beneath. The turtle eimitted a blue flame, made no sound, lacked windows and doors, and flew about 20 feeth high across the road in front of her. The turtle didn't frighten her until it zoomed straight up and disappeared in seconds. "I was so scared," she said, "that I had to lift my feet into the car. I drove the 18 miles to the Sheriff's office and didn't stop for a light or anything."

August 12, 1952 Raleigh, North Carolina

I WISH I WERE IN DIXIE

Civil Aeronautics officials at Raleigh, N.C. reported that orange-red objects have been sighted streaking across the skies for the past two nights. Included among the list of those who fancy illusions was a professor at North Carolina State College(requested his name be withheld)claiming to see seven or eight objects traveling at a high altitude and a tremendous speed.

August 13, 1952 The Cincinnati Reporter

MRS. ALLENDORF SEES IT THROUGH

Mrs. Lee Allendorf of 6229 Montgomery Rd., Pleasand Ridge, Ohio, rebuffed by metropolitan dailies, reported to the Reporter that she and her family were awakened last Thursday, August 7, 1952 at dawn by a steady, rumbling, whirring noise. They glanced out their second story window to see a large metal object, oval in shape, and looking "like the lower half of a dirigible hovering 80 - 90 feet over the Monte Vista Theatre." The noise from the craft was penetrating and "seemed to shake the whole house," she said. The three viewers resented the fact that the daily papers had treated their report in a light vein and haped something might be done in a way of a thorough investigation. All were agreed they saw something which did not come under the conventional rocket or aircraft classification. When last seen the saucer was headed in the direction of Norwood. The Reporter gave the story a full front page streamer headline.

August 14, 1952 Dallas, Texas

CHIEF AIRLINE PILOT BOXES MENZEL'S PSYCHOSIS

Capt. Max M. Jacoby, who has been flying for 16 years, disclosed Thursday that he chased a big, orange light, apparently not of earthly origin, Wednesday night in a transport plane. The light was of the type generally put in the flying saucer category, but Jacoby declined to call it more than a "light" for fear he would be ridiculed or laughed at. He Never did catch the light.

August 14, 1952 The Racine(Wis.)Journal-Times

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GIVES MENZEL THE BRUSHOFF

Two bright lights sighted in the overcast above Lake Michigan last Sunday night have been officially reported to U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Chicago, it was leaned today. The fireballs first sighted by Edward Langenfeld Jr. on his father's farm were called to the attention of the family and friends. All watched the lights for 30 minutes, one above the other. One would disappear for minutes and reappear, then the other would repeat the process. This alternating began at 9 p.m. and continued until 11:30 p.m. C.W.O. John Needham, from Racine Coast Guard station, investigated and said he was satisified it was not due to weather phenomenon or a mirage. He said the information in his official report was restricted.

August 14, 1952 The Journal of Philosophy

PHILOSOPHER SUGGESTS BRAINS BETTER ELSEWHERE

B.A.G. Fuller of the University of Southern California read a paper on Flying Saucers, advancing the premise that man's belief that he was the center of the universe may be a mistaken idea and "that elsewhere intelligent life may have occurred equal in some respects and in some, perhaps all, superior to his particular brand." The philosopher cited Jones, Wells, Hoyle, Scully, Haldane, Heard, Von Fritsch and Plato to support his brief.

August 20, 1952 The New York Times

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLANET VENUS EXPLANATION?

The Air Force announced details of the conversation between Capt. Thomas Mantell and the control tower which took place on January 7, 1948. At about 2:45 p.m. Mantell reported sighting an unidentified object "directly ahead and above me and moving half my speed. It appears metallic and of tremendous size." A few moments later, Mantell reported the object was moving about same speed--(360m.p.h) and "it was bright and climbing away from me." Capt Mantell then said he was going up to 20,000 feet and if he failed to catch it he would abandon the chase. That was his last message. No identification of the object has been announced.

August 20, 1952 The Oregonian

SAUCER SCARE HITS RUSSIANS

The Russians, too, according to reliable information here, are becoming concerned about flying saucers. A German scientist's daughter, who lived in the Russian zone and was conscripted for work in a Moscow laboratory escaped to the western zone recently. This girl, 24, told the high commissioner's office that the Russians had come to the conclusions that flying saucers are not figments of imagination but something real. In the beginning, she said, the Russians dismissed the heavenly objects as propaganda released by the western world as a scare in the hope of convincing timid persons of the great scientific might of the west. This did not bother them. They thought the entire program laughable. According to the scientist's daughter, the Russians do not bleieve the mysterious objects are space ships from another planet.

August 18, 1952 <u>Hollywood Citizen-News</u>

CMDR LOTT RAPS AF AND FBI

One minute after he retired to inactive duty last midnight, Navy Commander Dave Lott, former deputy commanding officer of the Armed Forces Radio Services, sent telegrams listing his complaints against the service to government big wheels and released a statement to the press: "The Air Force's handling of the flying saucer investigation," Lott said, "was one of the most inept disgraceful, and downright ludicrous displays of innefficiency ever displayed ina governmental operation." He flayed a "gag rule" which he said prohibits members of the services from engaging in political discussions of criticizing the Armed Forces.

August 21, 1952 <u>San Bernadino Sun</u>

'FLYING SAUCERS' INVADE MINING FIELD IN DESERT

"Flying Disks" is the name of the placer claim staked out by J.S. Burbridge at the head of Rattlesnake Canyon in the Morongo Mining District. Burbridge, who lives at 1124 W. Third St., had his claim recorded Wednesday.